HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: # 94

DATE: 20 September 2010

SUBJECT(S): Revised Fort Meade Growth Numbers

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Upcoming Events/Actions:

<u>BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) October Meeting</u> (Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee)

- I. **Date/Time: 20 October 2010, 7:30-**8:00 AM networking, 8:00 to 9:00 AM Program, 9:00-10:30 AM Networking
- II. **Event:** Major Defense Contractor will present on how to do business with them
- III. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2 Columbia, MD 21045-3728
- IV. **Attendees:** All Test Companies should attend, Partner Companies are encouraged to attend and the Public is invited to attend. There is no cost for attendance and no RSVP required.

Discussion:

- A. Revised Fort Meade Growth Numbers: If we recall from our previous BRAC BIT about Fort Meade growth numbers, the numbers we get are determined by the questions we ask! The Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee's (RGMC) primary focus today is on transportation infrastructure. When we view growth numbers from this perspective, our concern is more on number of people transiting to Fort Meade each day and we are less concerned if they are new jobs, old jobs, government jobs or contractor jobs. So the following numbers respond to these questions:
 - I. How many people worked on the Fort Meade installation in 2007 and what is that number projected to be in 2015?
 - II. How many people off the installation were there in 2007 because of the Fort Meade mission and what is that number projected to be in 2015?

Meade	
116,000	156,000
131,120	197,920
	116,000

^{*}This number includes the Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) Environmental Impact Statement projection of up to 10,000 employees. This is a "debatable" number, but recalls that the RGMC is in the transportation infrastructure planning business and must use projections. We cannot wait until the last car pulls into a parking lot before we plan for it.

III. If you or your business wants to know more details about these numbers, please send me an email at kmenser@howardcountymd.gov

B. More Information on Fort Meade Growth:

- I. The official BRAC number has grown from 5,695 to 5,800
- II. Today (2010) Fort Meade has 41,000 personnel assigned, not including BRAC.
- III. Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA):
 - DISA construction 90% complete
 - On 4 October DISA will assume ownership of 4 of 5 buildings
 - 78% of the DISA workforce will stay with DISA when it moves to Fort Meade.

- 35% to 40% of the DISA workforce are now Maryland residents
- IV. Defense Media Activity (DMA):
 - Will establish a presence on Fort Meade on 1 October 2010
 - Transfer of Function Letters have been issued
 - Watch for new job position announcements to come out very soon
 - Final occupancy of building in April of 2010
- V. Defense Adjudication: Watch for an update in our next BRAC BITS